

Oklahoma Poet Laureate Coming to SWOSU on February 20

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Nathan Brown, Poet Laureate of Oklahoma for 2013-2014, will present a poetry reading with a question and answer session on Thursday, February 20, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The free event is sponsored by the SWOSU Libraries and funded in part by the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The 7 p.m. session will be at the SWOSU Conference Center, located at the corner of Seventh and Davis Streets in Weatherford.

In addition to being an award-winning poet, Brown is a singer-songwriter, photographer and keynote speaker for conferences and other events. He travels widely, offering readings, house concerts, creativity workshops, photography exhibitions, and musical performances in an effort to bring back the hint of a smile and the hope for a good story in poems.

Brown has published seven books of poetry: ***My Sideways Heart***, ***Two Tables Over*** (winner of the 2009 Oklahoma Book Award in Poetry); ***Not Exactly Job*** (finalist for the 2008 Oklahoma Book Award in Poetry); ***Ashes over the Southwest***, ***Suffer the Little Voices*** (finalist for the 2006 Oklahoma Book Award in Poetry), ***Hobson's Choice***, and ***Less Is More, More or Less*** which was published in 2013. In 2012 he published a collection of poetry, ***Karma Crisis: New and Selected Poems*** (finalist for the 2013 Oklahoma Book Award for Poetry), which contains poems from his first three books of poetry. He has also published a work of prose, ***Letters to the One-Armed Poet: A Memoir of Friendship, Loss, and Butternut Squash Ravioli*** which is a collection of letters from his good friend and fellow poet, Jim Chastain.

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